

LOCAL NEWS.

THE NEW CHARTER of Alexandria, which has passed the House of Delegates, and is now before the Senate, according to the terms of the bill, is to be submitted to a vote of the people on the 8th day of February next—and not to go into effect until a majority of the legal voters shall decide in its favor. The new charter re-establishes the Board of Aldermen; and gives the Mayor a veto power. Provision is made for the election of all officers by the people, but this alteration in the present charter is subject also to a vote by the legal voters, at the same time that the vote is taken on the adoption of the new charter. The following are the Commissioners named to conduct the voting:

First Ward—W. R. Howard, George Dearborn, John Arnold, N. Hicks and B. H. Lam-bert.

Second Ward—H. L. Simpson, W. N. Brown P. G. Henderson, Joseph Cawood and J. T. Armstrong.

Third Ward—J. E. McGraw, P. G. Uhler, R. L. Brockett, Dr. French and J. H. Parrott. Fourth Ward—H. S. Martin, C. C. Bradley, W. W. Harper, A. J. Fleming and W. H. McKnight.

If the amendments are adopted, the amend-ed charter will go into force on the 6th day of March next.

POLICE REPORT.—A negro man, named Wil-liam Dyer, was before the Mayor, this morn-ing, and committed to jail for trial, charged with swindling others of his color, in this place, by obtaining money under false pretenses. He was arrested, at first, on suspicion of having committed a robbery in Baltimore, but he did not answer the description. At the Magis-trates' office, John Curran and Lewis Boswell, (boys from 12 to 14 years of age,) charged with robbing the counting room of Mr. Louns, of \$265 in money, and sundry notes of hand, amounting in all to some \$1,250, were commit-ted to jail for further examination. William Payne was committed, as a witness in the case.

ROBBERY.—The store of Mr. J. E. Douglass, lower end of King street, was entered last night from the rear by burglars, and robbed of groce-ries to the amount of \$3 or 400—principally, tea, segars, &c., &c. The robbery was com-mitted before 10 o'clock, for about that hour Mr. D. went to his store, and found the bur-glars just escaping from a window looking into the alley.

ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.—It will be seen that the House of Delegates, on Wednesday, by a vote of 41 to 37, amended the Senate resolution affirming the election of Mr. Barbour as President of the Orange and Alex-andria railroad in November last, so as to ex-press the opinion that there had been no elec-tion.

In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, among the petitions presented was one from Mrs. M. J. Dixon, of Alexandria, Va., stating that her property had been sold at a direct tax sale by officers of the United States government; that she had been, and was now, ready to pay the taxes due, and praying relief. Referred to committee on judiciary.

A Post Office at Mattox Creek, Westmore-land county, has been established, and J. H. Thomas, appointed P. M. between the offices of Oak Grove and Comorn. The office at Peach Grove, Fairfax Co., has been re-opened. J. W. Green, P. M. vice Wm. Tyson.

Washington appears this winter to be very "gay and festive," judging from the accounts of the receptions, parties, &c., given in the Washington papers. All the "dignitaries" are giving "receptions."

THE MILITARY COMMISSION.—In conse-quence of the indisposition of Col. Sells, one of the members of the Commission, the Judge Advocate announced that there would be no session until to-morrow, at 11½ o'clock.

It will be seen that the steamer Cahill will leave Baltimore for this place, on Saturday af-ternoon. The ice in the Potomac is fast disap-pearing.

Owing to the melting of the snow and ice the streets are now not very pleasant for pedestri-ans; the ladies, especially, suffering.

The steamer Empire City, from this place, with the Fifth U. S. Cavalry, for Charleston, arrived at Norfolk yesterday.

GOLD.

New York, January 26.—Gold, 139½.

A sale of Quartermaster's Stores, in this place, commenced yesterday.

Mr. J. Johnston, advertises a new Wood Yard, where pine wood is sold at \$3.50 per cord, and oak wood at \$7.50.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET.—The Market during the week has continued active. There is a fair demand for Flour, with some transactions at last week's quotations, viz: Family, \$13@15; Ex-tra, \$10.50@11.25, and Super, \$9.50@10. Re-cipients of Wheat light—White, \$1.80@2.25; Red, \$1.75@2. Corn is in very active demand, at \$3@3.75. Very little doing in Rye and Oats and quotations nominal. In Groceries and Pro-visions we have no change to note and the mar-ket is quiet and dull. Dressed Hogs are dull at \$11 per 100 pounds.

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jan 23-3t

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sep 11-tf JOHN F. BRANT.

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jan 12-tf

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nov 12-tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

LAND FOR SALE.—As Executor of the late Captain Thomas Towson, I have for sale about THIRTEEN HUNDRED ACRES of very VALUABLE LAND, lying in the neighborhood of Stafford Court House, about forty miles from Washington city, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg. Much of this land is fertile, and is remarkably well wooded and timbered, a large part lying on the navigable waters of Aquia Creek. It lies within four miles of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Poto-mac R. R. The neighborhood affords as much valuable timber for sawing as almost any other in the State. A survey is now in progress for a railroad from Alexandria to Fredericksburg, which road must necessarily run through this land. On one of the tracts, known as the mill tract, containing 504 acres, lying on navigable water, there was a grist and saw mill, which during the war was considerably injured; but it having been built of durable stone, and many of the inner works being of cast iron, it is sus-ceptible of easy repair. If desired by purchas-ers, this land can be divided into farms of con-venient size, but as a whole presents a rare open-ing for good investment. For terms which will be accommodating, applications can be made to General Eppa Hunton, or J. Blackwell Smith, esq., of Warrenton, Va.; Colonel C. F. Suttle, of Alexandria; or to the undersigned, near Stafford Court House. JOHN H. SUTTLE,
jan 12-law6w Stafford county, Va.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexan-dria County, on the 1st day of January, 1866, Geo. Wm. Brent, plaintiff, against Jonathan S. Ridgeley and Robert H. Hunton, defendants—in chancery.

The object of this suit is to attach certain real estate in the County of Alexandria, situated on the east side of Henry street, between Cameron and Queen streets, belonging to the defendant, Ridgeley, and on which he has given a deed of trust to secure the payment of \$2,000 and inter-est (being the purchase money) to the said George Wm. Brent. The defendant, Jona-than S. Ridgeley, not having entered his appearance and given security, according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, an it appearing by proper affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith in-serted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county.—A copy teste. J. TACEY, Clerk.
WATTLES, P. Q. dec 15-law4w

IN THE COUNTY COURT of Fairfax county, November term, 1865—J. J. Wheat vs. Henry Taylor, in an action of ejectment, to recover possession of a tract of land, in the county aforesaid, containing about one hundred acres: I hereby certify that in the above case, judgment was rendered at November term, against the said defendant, in favor of the plain-tiff, for the tract of land fully described, in plain-tiff's declaration; and on the 21th day of No-vember, 1865, the Commonwealth's writ of ha-beas facias possessionem, issued against the said defendant to cause the said plain-tiff to have his possession of said tenement; upon which said writ the Sheriff made the fol-lowing return upon oath—Executed by re-en-tering and taking possession of the tenement described in said writ, and delivering to the plain-tiff, J. J. Wheat, the premises and appurten-ances thereto belonging—which said return of re-entry has been left in my office to be re-corded. Teste. WM. M. FITZHUGH,
de 1-law2m Clerk pro tem.

TWO JOEL MANN.—As you are not an in-habitant of the State of Virginia, you will take notice, that under the Act, as amended on the 23d day of June, 1865, I demand of you the principal and interest of a note, under seal, ex-ecuted by you, to me on the 17th day of March, 1857, for the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars, with interest from the date thereof, pay-able on the 17th day of March, 1858, and now remaining unpaid. I, also, demand of you the interest which has accrued upon said note, from the 17th day of March, 1857, subject to sundry payments, endorsed upon said note, on account of interest, amounting to \$550.

ANN F. BATAILLE,
de 28-law5w Fairfax co., Va.

BY JOHN H. PARROTT, AUCTIONEER.

FOR SALE.—The HOUSE and LOT, in No. 25, Commerce street, belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. C. C. Coakley, dec'd. This house is in good repair, being built of the very best materials in the year 1854; con-tains ten rooms, all pleasantly situated, with an unsurpassed cellar. The lot is twenty-five feet front, running back one hundred feet, to a pub-lic alley. Also, a side alley, with water pipe running through the yard. Sold with no in-cumbrance, and title indisputable. (This property will be sold at private sale, if desired.)—If not, will be sold at public auction, in front of said residence, on WEDNESDAY, February 21st, at 11 o'clock. Terms—One-half cash, remainder in two different instalments at three, six or twelve months, to suit the purchaser.—Title secured by deed of trust until the deferred payments are settled. Possession given in one month from sale or to suit the purchaser.—Further information regarding said property, those desiring to purchase can obtain by exam-ining the premises.

Will, also, be sold, on the premises, at the same time, the HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, consisting in part of Feather Beds, Bedsteads, Carpets, Chairs, Sofas, Tables, Glasses, Crockery, &c. Terms made known on the day of sale. jan 25-co2ts

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jan 23-2w* CHAS. L. POWELL.

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jan 22-co2w

THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF

ALEXANDRIA.—A dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock of this company has been declared, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after Wed-nesday, the 24th inst. C. W. WATTLES,

jan 19-co2w Secretary.

PROF. GUILLAUME FOCHE

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